

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

May 27, 2020

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS

The City of Detroit proposes to use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to provide financial assistance to undertake the project known as:

Project Title: 150 Bagley Project (also known as The Residences at 150 Bagley); located at 150 Bagley Street, Wayne County, Detroit, Michigan

This project involves the rehabilitation of the office tower portion of the building into housing units and the demolition of the theater portion of the building. The use of CDBG funds requires the City to document compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (hereafter: "the Act") and the implementing regulations found in Title 36, Part 800, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Act and the implementing regulations require the City to engage the public on any project which may adversely affect culturally- or historically-significant structures, properties or resources.

HISTORIC REVIEW DETERMINATIONS

The Preservation Specialist has reviewed the project and in concurrence with the Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB), determined the following: 1) United Artists Building is listed as a contributing resource within the NRHP-listed Grand Circus Park Historic District; and 2) the demolition of the theater portion of the building constitutes an Adverse Effect on historic properties as defined by 36 CFR 800.5. An adverse effect is one which would alter any of the characteristics that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. A project that results in the physical destruction of the property is explicitly recognized as an adverse effect, per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(i). The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), in a letter dated March 3, 2020 concurred with this determination.

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Upon request, interested parties may review any of the available documentation related to the subject property and the proposed project held by the City of Detroit Housing & Revitalization Department. Anyone interested in reviewing any of the available documentation may send an e-mail to rschumak@detroitmi.gov or call 313.224.1508. The City of Detroit invites all interested agencies, groups or persons to submit written comments for consideration. The City is particularly interested in comments concerning one or more of the following topics: 1) the historic significance of the building and/or the site, 2) an objection to or support for the proposed rehabilitation and partial demolition of the building, 3) the effect of the proposed rehabilitation and partial demolition on the surrounding neighborhood and community, 4) an alternative use for the theater portion of the building, or 5) ways in which the City could minimize or mitigate the adverse effect of the demolition. The City of Detroit will accept comments by e-mail at rschumak@detroitmi.gov. The subject line of the e-mail should read "150 Bagley Project Comments." The City of Detroit will accept and consider all comments so received up to and until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10th, 2020.

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